

Lepidoptera new to Somerset in 2000

Two species of moth were recorded as new to the two vice-counties of Somerset during 2000, as follows:

Phyllonorycter comparella (Dup.) (Gracillariidae) – leaf mines on *Populus nigra* at The Perch, Cheddar (grid reference ST4455; VC 6) on 4.xi.2000.

Crambus hamella (Thunb.) (Pyralidae) – adult at m.v. light in Wells (ST 5645; VC 6) on 25.viii.2000 by Andrew Duff.

In addition, the following two species of Nepticulidae were recorded as new to North Somerset (VC 6) in the same year:

Stigmella samiatella (Zell.) – vacated leaf mines on *Castanea sativa* at Berridge (ST 7434) on 8.x.2000. Mines were later found to be quite widespread in the woods on the Somerset/Wiltshire border.

Stigmella nylandriella (Tengst.) – leaf mine on *Sorbus aucuparia* at Beacon Hill Wood (ST 6346) on 1.viii.2000.

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Satin Beauty *Deileptenia ribeata* (Clerck) (Lep.: Geometridae) new to north-east Scotland

Deileptenia ribeata (Clerck), a predominantly southern species, was recorded as far north as south-west Scotland in the first edition of Skinner (1984, *Colour Identification Guide to Moths of the British Isles*. Viking). In the second edition (1998), Perthshire is added to its distribution. We can now report a considerable extension of the range of this species – two specimens were taken at the Rothamsted trap near Monymusk in south Aberdeenshire (VC 92: grid reference NJ 6619) on 3.viii and 10.ix.1999. The trap is operated by Jon and Marion Bailey, and the catch is identified by RMP. Three specimens were taken at m.v. light near Banchory, Kincardineshire (VC 91: NO 6796) by CWNH during the period 24.vii to 4.viii.1999. Further specimens were taken at both sites in 2000, one from Banchory on 10.viii.2000, and five at Monymusk between 10.viii and 26.viii.2000. This species was not known from north-east Scotland prior to these records, but appears now to be established in this area.– ROBERT M. PALMER, Greenburn Cottage, Bucksburn, Aberdeen AB21 9UA (E-mail: bob@bobpalmer.freemove.co.uk) and CEDRIC W. N. HOLMES, 9 Pinewood, Inchmarlo, Banchory, Kincardineshire AB31 4AF.
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